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SUBJ: GOG SHORT-TERM DEBT

REFS: (NOTAL): (A) STATE 125542, (B) STATE 150613, (C) ACCRA 5642

- 1. QUERIES POSED IN REF A STILL OF INTEREST TO EXIMBANK AND EMBASSY IS AGAIN REQUESTED TO CHECK ON STATUS OF UNRECOVERED CLAIMS DESCRIBED BELOW.
- 2. TRANSFER RISK CLAIMS PAID ON FCIA SHORT-TERM INSURANCE TOTAL DOLS 474,000, OF WHICH 15 CLAIMS AGGREGATING DOLS 205,000 ARE UNRECOVERED, COMPRISING 7 CLAIMS UNDER 5,000 CEDIS FOR DOLS 15,000, 2 CLAIMS OF 5-10,000 CEDIS FOR DOLS 14,000, AND 6 CLAIMS OVER 10,000 CEDIS FOR DOLS 175,000. UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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3. CLASSIFIED BY DATE OF LOCAL CURRENCY, ONE CLAIM FOR DOLS

5,000 WAS DEPOSITED PRIOR TO 2-5-72, THE OTHERS AFTER THAT DATE. ITEMS NO. 47-49 NOTIFIED TO BANK OF GHAN A BY STATE A-10788 OF 11-2-72 TO AMEMBASSY ACCRA HAVE BEEN REPAID. AS INDICATED ABOVE, 15 CLAIMS AMONG ITEMS NO. 50-63 NOTIFIED BY SATE A-1653 ON 2-22-73 AND NO. 64-107 BY A-3622 ON 4-19-73 REMAIN UNRECOVERED.

- 4. BY TERMS OF BANK OF GHANA (BOG) ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FEB. AND JUNE 1973, AND MCGIBBON OF IBRD REPORT, REF B PAR. 2, CLAIMS UNDER 5,000 CEDIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY NOW. FYI: THIS ALSO WAS SUBJECT OF INQUIRTY TO DEPT. FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. HMG APPARENTLY IS CONCERNED THAT OF PRESUMED 10 MILLION POUNDS RELEASED BY BOG ON SHORT-TERM DEBT, ONLY 1 MILLION POUNDS WAS RECEIVED BY ECGD. BRITISH EMBASSY INQUIRED ABOUT U.S. EXPERIENCE. END FYI.
- 5. IN ANY EVENT, EXIMBANK HAS ENDEAVORED TO SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF TRADE RELATIONS BY CONTINUING TO MAKE AVAILABLE SOME SHORT-TERM INSURANCE FACILITIES IN BELIEF THAT BOG WOULD RECIPROCATE IN TREATMENT OF SHORT-TERM ARREARS. THE AMOUNT DUE ON EXIMBANK'S UNRECEOVERED CLAIMS CERTAINLY DOES NOT LLOM LARGE IN COMPARISON WITH BOG'S TOTAL PROGRAMMED RELEASES OF SOME DOLS 40-45 MILLION DURING 1973, AND COULD, WE THINK, BE CLEARED EASILY AND PAINLESSLY.
- 6. GOG REQUEST REPORTED REF C FOR UNDERLYING CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO UNPAID OBLIGATIONS WHICH FORM BASIS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST GOG EXPECTED BY DEPT. TO BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH OTHER CREDITORS AT SEPT. 18 MEETING IN LONDON. NO FORMAL RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE TO GOG REQUEST REFTEL UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM DEPT. FYI: EXIMBANK DOES NOT RECEIVE SALES CONTRACTS OR OTHER UNDERLYING DOCUMENTS ON GUARANTEE OR FCIA INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS. EXIMBANK WOULD OBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENT TO PRODUCE SUCH DOCUMENTS INASMUCH AS EXIMBANK PAYMENT OF THESE CLAIMS RELATES TO INCONVERTIBILITY, NOT VALIDTY OF CONTRACTS. END FYI. RUSH

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